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Mr. Javier A. Betancourt Executive Director Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust 111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1010 Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Mr. Betancourt:

Thank you for letter of March 15, expressing your interest in Amtrak service to the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) on our *Silver Star* and *Silver Meteor* services. Amtrak supports the vision of intermodal connections at the MIC, and we are highly interested in moving our Miami operations to the facility. We are working through a number of issues to clear the way for Amtrak to initiate service to the MIC and to support the viability of the MIC service; including the following three actions:

- 1. Amtrak recently provided a letter of support for a federal grant request for the Miami River Miami Intermodal Center Capacity Improvement project made by the Florida DOT and the South Florida RTA.
- 2. Our operating and service planning teams are working to evaluate the various technical and operational aspects of moving our Miami service to the MIC.
- 3. Our real estate team is engaged and we are hopeful of reaching mutually acceptable commercial terms for a long-term facility lease at the MIC.

We appreciate the support of the CITT and we will let you know if your assistance would facilitate any aspects of our relocation initiative.

Sincerely

Stephen J. Gardner

President and Chief Executive Officer